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- 1. <u>Introduction.</u> NMFS employees, contractors, and associates have an obligation to protect and safeguard government furnished equipment assigned to them, and to use government equipment in a safe, responsible manner.
- 2. <u>Objective.</u> The objective of NMFS' property program is to ensure accountability through compliance with Department and NOAA policy documents. NMFS is not creating new policy; however, procedures to this policy provide NMFS-specific instruction to achieve compliance and efficiency.
- 3. Authorities and Responsibilities. This directive establishes the following roles and responsibilities:
 - a) NMFS headquarters has delegated to the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer overarching responsibility for NMFS' property programs.
 - b) The NMFS Property Management Officer, within Management & Budget's (MB) Facilities, Safety, & Logistics Division (FSLD), is responsible for administration, policy, and oversight of the personal property program.
 - c) NMFS' Financial Management Center (FMC) directors are responsible for ensuring compliance with program requirements.
 - d) Within FMCs, property is maintained by Property Custodians, with oversight, validation, and administrative control provided by Property Accountability Officers.
- 4. <u>Measuring Effectiveness.</u> The Chief, Facilities, Safety & Logistics Division will periodically review program objectives. The NMFS Property Management Officer will evaluate conformity with DOC and NOAA property policy requirements, and submit an annual report to the DAA.
- 5. References. Department Personal Property Management Manual; NOAA Personal Property Bulletins.

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